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pervision of Mr. A. H. Davison, the Secretary of the Council. In the preface to the report he is accredited by his associates in the Council with having performed his duties "with extraordinary economy and unusual accuracy."

In further commendation of the work it should be said that the appropriation "to enable the Executive Council to collect and compile the census of nineteen hundred and five, and to read the proof of the same," including, presumably, the additional features, but not the field work done by the township assessors, did not exceed fifteen thousand dollars,—an amount most economically expended in consideration of the numerous subjects covered by the returns.

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*Report of the Massachusetts Commission on the Adult Blind, 1906.*  
Pub. Doc. Boston, Mass. 32 pp.

This report marks the completion of the second stage in an investigation begun in 1903, and sums up the work of the commission having the matter in charge during the past three years. A résumé of what has been done in other States in the way of ameliorating the condition of the blind by means of education and industrial training forms a part of this report. The commission made a careful study of the statistics concerning the blind, contained in the Massachusetts censuses of 1895 and 1905 and the United States census of 1900, and has presented some instructive compilations in this report. A wide discrepancy, not fully explained by the commission, exists in the figures given from these two sources; but, in spite of this, it is apparent that there is a preponderance of adults among the blind. This is rendered significant when we are told that ample provision is made for the education and industrial training of children and youth, but that little has been done to aid the adult blind in those lines. Here are a large number of people, healthy and strong and willing to work, but, owing to lack of training, unable to perform any useful service. As the commission expresses it in summing up the matter, "The greatest need of the group appears to be not so much homes or health or friends as occupation."

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